

I. ESTIMATED WINTER LAMBING, 1940.

Lambs marked 2,960,000 (2,940,000) increase 20,000. 66 (70)%.

DIVISION	NO. OF EWES MATED	LAMBS MARKED	
		Total No.	Percent to Ewes
Central	1,040,000	800,000	77
Lower North	755,000	530,000	70
Upper North	470,000	260,000	55
South Eastern	560,000	450,000	80
Western	810,000	450,000	56
Murray Mallee	425,000	250,000	59
Total Counties 1940	4,060,000	2,740,000	67
1939	3,785,000	2,650,000	70
Outside Counties 1940	440,000	220,000	50
1939	415,000	290,000	70
Total State, 1940	4,500,000	2,960,000	66
1939	4,200,000	2,940,000	70
1938	4,000,000	2,950,000	73
1937	3,500,000	2,350,000	67
1936	3,350,000	1,980,000	59

The foregoing figures refer only to Winter Lambing, and are exclusive of approximately 175,000 Ewes reported as reserved for Spring Lambing for 1940.

Returns previously received from sheep owners had indicated that approximately 4,740,000 ewes had been mated or reserved for the 1940 winter and spring lambing, but present advices have reduced the total number of ewes mated to approximately 4,675,000.

Including the spring lambing, there should be at least 3,050,000 lambs marked this year compared with 3,102,835 last year, which was the record. However, reports indicate that quite a number of lambs have died since marking and many more were expected to die, because of the unfavourable season.

II. WOOLSCOURING AND FELLMONGERING WORKS. Excluding wool scoured in Woollen mills 19,637,369 (14,450,157) lbs. of greasy wool were treated and 8,517,464 (6,359,298) lbs. scoured wool obtained, average 2.3 (2.3) lbs. greasy to 1 lb. scoured. From sheepskins and pieces stripped, there was obtained the equivalent of 5,878,582 (4,791,758) lbs. of greasy wool.

III. WOOLLEN MILLS, 1939-40. Approximately 2,350,000 (1,400,000) lbs. of greasy wool were used in local woollen mills.

IV. STOCKS OF WOOL & C. JUNE '30th, 1940 held by Woollen Mills, Scourers, and Wool and Skin Merchants were - Greasy Wool 5,609,344 (9,578,648) lbs; Scoured Wool 717,361 (824,254) lbs; and Sheep skins with Wool on No. 205,208 (188,958).

V. TOTAL WOOL PRODUCTION, 1939-40. 105,265,869 (102,888,121) lbs.

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